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ONE AIR FORCE, SAME FIGHT ... AN UNRIVALED WINGMAN

January 10, 2009

In memory of ... Senior Master Sgt. Larry Owens

He called himself 'The Ol' Sarge'. People who knew and worked with him often used his call sign -- they called him 'Scarecrow'. Many called him friend.

Larry called himself a transplanted Yankee. He spent nearly all of his adult life in the south.

He also spent his life as a true patriot in service to his country - on active duty, as a Traditional Reservist, and finally as an Air Reserve Technician. Most of his career was spent right here at Carswell Air Force Base.

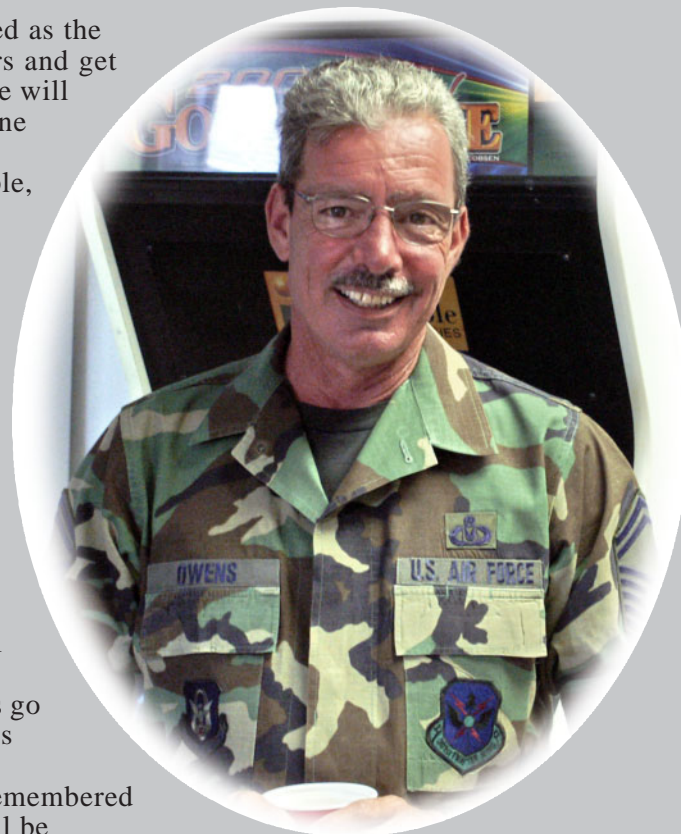
He dedicated his career in Life Support to taking care of the aviators under his care. His promise to them was that he would make sure they had all the knowledge, the best equipment and the best training possible, to ensure their survival should something go wrong. He went above and beyond by envisioning and putting in place Air Force-wide training programs like Wild Stallion and the Combat Search and Rescue (CSAR) training

program at Camp Billy Gibbons, Texas.

He will be remembered as the one who had the answers and get you what you needed. He will be remembered as the one whose information you could trust. He told people, "If I tell you a chicken can pull a wagon, then hook the chicken up." Those who knew him never needed to test the truth of his statements.

He will be remembered as a fair and kind man. One who gave the benefit of the doubt and a second chance, although he might argue that one for reputation sake. He will be remembered as the person you could always go to and who would always listen.

Most of all, he'll be remembered as a true friend, and he'll be missed.



NEWS BRIEFS

Third Annual Awards Banquet is January 10

The Third Annual Awards Banquet will be at the Fort Worth Convention Center Saturday, Jan. 10, 2009. Contact Chief Kermit Keen at 817.782.6942 to purchase a ticket.

Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo tickets available

Pick up free rodeo tickets for Military Day, Feb. 4, with your valid military ID at the Will Rogers Memorial Center Will Call window. For more ticket details call 817.877.2424.

Screen your mail

Please use your vigilance when receiving and opening mail and parcels. If you observe anything that may be suspicious notify the Law Enforcement Desk at 817.739.5200 immediately and practice proper evacuation procedures.

You get more from *Get One Now!*

The best way to keep the Air Force Reserve strong is to recruit good people – people like you. You can help by talking about the benefits of joining the Air Force Reserve to your family and friends, then submitting their names to *Get One Now*. The people you care about will benefit and so will you.

The *Get One Now* program offers a selection of awards when a person you refer joins the Air Force Reserve.

New Awards

There are four award levels and multiple awards in the first three of these. The awards range from satellite radios to laptop computers, the only award in the Level 4 category. The more people who join the more awards you are eligible for and the more their value increases. Awards are calculated from Oct. 1, 2008 through Sept. 30, 2009, but you can submit referrals at any time and if any of the people you recommend join within 24 months, you earn a *Get One Now* award.

New Get1Now.us

On Oct. 1, 2008, Get1Now.us will get a new look and it will be easier than ever to enter recommendations and monitor your “account”

for the status of your referrals and awards.

You can also order awards from this Web site. If you’re eligible for one, you log into the Web site and you will be prompted through the selection process. Your award will be sent to you in approximately ten business days.

Forgot Your Password?

Your user name and password are listed on your *Get One Now* card. You can also get help accessing your account by calling 877.786.2372.

You Get MORE From GET ONE NOW!

START EARNING AWARDS FOR RECOMMENDING PEOPLE WITH WHOM YOU WISH TO SERVE.

- New awards from satellite radios to laptop computers.
- You choose your award.
- The more awards earned, the more their value increases.
- New look to Get1Now.us.

Enter referrals now at Get1Now.us
Forgot your password? Call 877-786-2372

The Rules

The *Get One Now* Rules

* All Air Force Reservists are eligible to participate, except AFRC Recruiters and their family members and Reserve liaisons.

* There is no limit to the number of referrals that can be submitted, and they may be accumulated over time.

* A referral must be submitted to Get1Now.us, to 877.786.2372, by on-line “chat,” or by e-mail, to qualify for the *Get One Now* program.

* A referral must result in an enlistment within 24 months of entry into the *Get One Now* program to qualify for the accession awards.

* Accessions must be achieved during the AFR fiscal year, Oct. 1 through Sept. 30, to qualify for the *Get One Now* awards for that particular year.

Information you provide will be used by the Air Force Reserve Recruiting Offices only. Your information will never be sold, rented or distributed to any other branch of the military or to a third party.

One Name. One Member. One Force.

Job Announcement

Wing searches for another historian

Join the 301st Fighter Wing award-winning Historian team. The Historian career field encompasses activities to document Air Forces historical activities.

Historian personnel are involved in researching, writing, editing, and organizing historical data; maintaining historical files and repositories; conducting interviews; historical studies; documenting important deliberations and decisions; and deploying to meet operational contingency and wartime requirements to document significant

events and submit historical reports.

Those who feel this is a career they want to experience must feel comfortable dealing with all levels of command; Must be worldwide deployable; Requires access to Top Secret material; Completion of a current Single Scope Background Investigation (SSBI) mandatory; Prior qualification in any AFSC at five-skill level or higher; Outstanding military bearing and conduct, self starter, with minimum supervision; No record of Article 15; No record of conviction by civilian court,

except minor traffic violations or similar violations; Ability to type 20 words a minutes and to lift up to 40 pounds; Minimum ASVAB score of 72 required in General Section; Overall 4 or 5 on last five EPR’s; and the completion of college-level courses is desirable.

An interview is also required. If you’re interested or would like more information, call Tech. Sgt. John Snowman, DSN 739.3531 or 817.782.3531, or by cell 214.934.4081 or Lt. Col. John Moyer at DSN 739.6875 or 817.782.6875.

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AIR FORCE RESERVE

301st Fighter Wing

Airman of the Quarter
October - December 2008



**Senior Airman
Brian P. Merk**

Operations Intel Technician

301st Operations Support Flight

301st Fighter Wing

NCO of the Quarter
October - December 2008



**Tech. Sgt.
Samuel K. Rock, III**

**F-16 Avionics Systems
Technician**

301st Aircraft Maintenance
Squadron

301st Fighter Wing

Senior NCO of the Quarter
October - December 2008



**Senior Master Sgt.
Samantha B. Boswell**

Health Services Section Chief

301st Medical Squadron

The shuttle has landed



Shuttle returns to Fort Worth

A modified NASA 747 carrying the space shuttle, Endeavor, landed at the Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth, Texas Dec. 10 for refueling and maintenance before continuing to Barksdale Air Force Base, La., the next day. The last time a modified 747 carrying the space shuttle landed here was in the spring of 1997. (U.S. Air Force Photo/Tech. Sgt. Julie Briden-Garcia)



In the news

Local news media crews from all over the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex showed up to interview the 747 pilots who landed at NAS JRB Fort Worth, Texas Dec. 10. (U.S. Air Force Photo/Tech. Sgt. Julie Briden-Garcia)

Wheels on the ground

NASA's space shuttle "Endeavor" lands piggyback on a modified 747 at NAS JRB Fort Worth Dec. 10. The shuttle/747 combo and its taxi crew stayed only one day before it left for its next flight to Barksdale Air Force Base, La., to refuel. (U.S. Navy Photo)



2009 CSAF reading list released

WASHINGTON (AFNS) — The chief of staff of the Air Force announced the 2009 CSAF Reading List Dec. 8.

"Today's Air Force is the product of the pioneers who preceded us, and our Airmen are proudly carrying the torch," said Gen. Norton Schwartz, the service's 19th chief of staff. "In our professional development, we must remain mindful of the lessons of the past, while we continue to prevail everywhere our enemies choose to engage."

"Continued education is a crucial part of being a professional warrior reinforcing our core values of integrity, service and excellence," he said. "The books we have selected for our 2009 reading list capture a rich history, both intense and compelling, that offer a perspective to tackle the challenges of today and tomorrow."

The reading list is divided into three areas: Military History; Mission, Doctrine and Profession; and Our Nation and World.

The CSAF Reading List can be accessed at www.af.mil/library/csafreading and is available at Air Force libraries.

New TSP contribution limits set for 2009

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFNS) — The Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board recently announced an increase in the 2009 elective deferral limit for regular Thrift Savings Plan contributions.

The limit is now \$16,500, up from \$15,500 for 2008.

In addition, contributions for the TSP catch-up plan will increase to \$5,500, up from the \$5,000 limit set for the last three years.

"TSP is a long-term retirement savings plan, which everyone should consider," said Fran Campbell, a human resources specialist at the Air Force Personnel Center here. "It's a great supplement to military and civilian retirement plans."

The plan gives investors the opportunity to lower their taxes each year they contribute. The taxes are deferred

until the employee withdraws from the account after retirement.

Start contribution allocations (how an employee chooses to invest money among the investment funds) by calling the TSP automated ThriftLine at 877.968.3778 for employees in the U.S., Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa and Canada. Others can call 404.233.4400 or log onto their TSP account at <http://www.tsp.gov>.

Regular TSP contributions stop when an employee's contributions reach the annual maximum limit and then automatically resume the next calendar year.

For general TSP questions, call the Air Force Contact Center at 800.616.3775 (press 1, press 1, press 1, and follow the prompts).

For civilians, they can reach the BEST phone system by dialing 800.616.3775. When the phone system answers, press "2" for Air Force-served civilians, then "2" again for BEST benefits and entitlements, and follow the prompts.

For details, visit AFPC's "Ask" Web site and enter "Thrift Savings Plan" in the search function.

Additional information about TSP, both regular and catch-up, is available on the TSP Web site at <http://www.tsp.gov>. See "Summary of the Thrift Savings Plan" located under civilian or uniformed services TSP Forms and Publications.

Leaders encourage Airmen to apply for Academy

U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. (AFNS) — Young, hard-charging Airmen are sought for entry into the U.S. Air Force Academy and the Air Force Academy Preparatory School with the end goal of earning a commission, but must apply by Jan. 31, 2009.

The Academy sets aside up to 85 slots for active-duty Airmen and up to 85 more slots for Guard and Reserve members in each cadet class for young, hard-charging Airmen to join its cadet ranks.

Likewise, the Academy's Preparatory School offers 60 slots for Airmen to join the one-year prep

school. Completing the prep school earns graduates entry into the Academy's next class of cadets.

"Our United States Air Force Academy and its Preparatory School offer opportunities for our best and brightest enlisted Airmen who meet the criteria to enter the commissioned ranks," said Gen. Norton Schwartz, the Air Force chief of staff.

"If you have young, hard chargers in your command who demonstrate outstanding character and values coupled with leadership potential, please urge them to consider a commissioning path through our Academy," Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Rodney J. McKinley said.

The basic application criteria for Airmen is they must be less than 23 years of age by July 1 for entry to the Academy or less than 22 years of age by July 1 for entry to the Preparatory School; be unmarried; be a U.S. citizen or be able to obtain citizenship prior to entry; and have no dependents.

An Airman wishing to apply for an Academy Preparatory School appointment must complete and return an Air Force Form 1786 by Jan. 31, 2009. Upon completion, the form and commander's endorsement should be mailed to: HQ USAFA/RRS, 2304 Cadet Drive, Suite 2400, USAF Academy Colo., 80840.

When advising Airmen on Academy applications, commanders and supervisors should encourage all applicants to take the ACT or SAT exam as early and often as necessary to meet Academy application guidelines; take the Candidate Fitness Assessment and Department of Defense Medical Exam as soon as possible.

For more information on the LEAD program, contact Donna Najar at DSN 333.3089 or via e-mail at donna.najar@usafa.edu. Additional information is available on the Academy Admissions Web site at www.academyadmissions.com or at the 301st Fighter Wing education and training office, 817.782-6980.



Keep on Rockin' With Second CD 'For the Troops'

Kristen Ward

TriWest Healthcare Alliance

A number of top musical acts want to thank you for your service and the sacrifices you make for our country with the release of a new "For the Troops II" CD, available now for free download at the Army & Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) Web site, www.aafes.com. For active duty service members or veterans, just use your valid military ID to log on to the site.

"I'm excited that the CD 'For the Troops' is back with a new roster of fantastic artists and great songs," said John Ondrasik who performs under the pseudonym Five for Fighting and spearheaded the CD's development. "After the response from last year's effort, creating a sequel was a no-brainer. The



CD 'For the Troops II' has a bit more rock and a few surprises, but at its core is a thank you to those whose sacrifice secures our freedom and that of our children."

"We strongly believe that music can

be an effective and healthy mental break during times of stress or family separation," said TriWest President and CEO David J. McIntyre, Jr. "We are exceptionally grateful for individuals like John Ondrasik and the other artists, who are driven to thank our troops in memorable ways and who encourage others to do the same. It is an honor for TriWest to serve America's military families, and we hope more Americans also remember to thank those who protect our safety and freedom."

This is the follow-up to CD to "For the Troops" released last fall. Ondrasik partnered with AAFES, TriWest Healthcare Alliance and the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) to produce and release both CDs.

Check out www.cdforthetroops.com for information on the CD and the artists.



*30th Fighter Wing
Chief's Group*



Cordially invites you to attend the

*30th Fighter Wing
2008 Annual Awards Banquet*

Saturday, 10 January 2009
Fort Worth Convention Center,

Check In at 1800 hrs / Seals at 1845 hrs / Social & Dance at 2100 hrs

GUEST SPEAKER
Capt. T.D. Smyers
NAS JRB Fort Worth COMMANDING OFFICER


Contact your Chiefs/ First
Sergeant for tickets

For assigned seating, call CMSgt
Godfrey at
mark.godfrey@carswell.af.mil or
817.782.7946

Dress:
Military - Formal / Semi-formal

Civilian - Black Tie / Suit / Evening or
Cocktail Dress

Meal Choice of Chicken or Beef



Did you know...

Battle Dress Uniform winter wear

***Gortex** - Enlisted personnel will wear slide-on subdued grade insignia; officers wear slide-on or pin-on subdued grade insignia. The Gortex liner will not be worn as an outer garment. Members may wear the Gortex parka and pants while performing duties in inclement weather. The parka may be worn without the Gortex pants; however the Gortex pants must be worn with parka.

***Scarf** - You must tuck it in with authorized outer garments. It will not exceed 10 inches in width; be all wool or cotton simplex, with or without napped surface.

***Gloves/mittens** - May be worn with outer garments only. The only exception is that you may wear them with the BDU without outer garments. They must be leather, knitted, tricor or suede, or a combination of leather, knitted, tricor, and suede.

***Earmuffs** - They must be black (commercial design of any material). They must be worn with outer garments only and service dress uniform.

***Stocking cap** (watch cap) - is only authorized for wear by those subject to prolonged exposure to adverse weather and must be worn with a jacket. The color is restricted to black or dark blue.

***BDU Gore-Tex and/or Field Jacket** - In Jan. 2008, Air Force officials granted commanders the ability to authorize wear of the BDU Gore-Tex or field jackets with ABUs when other approved cold weather options are unavailable or unsuitable for duty. The initial authorization was scheduled to expire June 1, 2008, but has been extended to May 1, 2009. (Ref: AFI 36-2903, Table 2.2, Men's Battle Dress Uniform; Table 2.4 Women's Battle Dress Uniform; para 3.2.4.1.)



Mass enlistment at Armed Forces Bowl

General David H. Petraeus, U.S. Central Command commander, leads a mass enlistment for new enlistees of all the armed services during the Armed Forces Bowl. Gen. Petraeus was also named the Great American Patriot Award recipient for 2008. The Air Force Academy Falcons fell to the University of Houston Cougars, 34 - 28. (U.S. Air Force Photo/Tech. Sgt. Julie Briden-Garcia)

PROMOTIONS, NEWCOMERS and REENLISTMENTS

Promotions

301 FSS

Senior Airman Kelli D. Jackson
Staff Sgt. Joe Montoya, Jr.

301 CF

Senior Airman Annika S. Regala

73 APS

Staff Sgt. Joseph J. Eggenberger

301 AMXS

Staff Sgt. Joel H. Harding
Staff Sgt. Angela S. Perez
Tech. Sgt. Sidonio Suarez
Tech. Sgt. Alexis B. Watts

301 MXS

Staff Sgt. Kerry Yang
Tech. Sgt. Andrew J. Edwards

301 OG

Tech. Sgt. Miracle I. Carter

Newcomers

301 MSS

Senior Airman Tynisha Adams

301 MXS

Airman Basic Landon R. Stinnett
Airman Basic Kenton P. York
Senior Airman Jamie A. Brewer
Staff Sgt. Shawn L. Bryan

Staff Sgt. Michele A. Flores
Staff Sgt. Christa A. Jenkins

301 SVF

Airman Basic Anjela D. Almenar
Airman Tyketa S. Carr

301 AMDS

Airman 1st Class Robin E. Cox
Capt. Joseph H. Bowley, Jr.

701 MDS

Senior Airman Alicia L. Gentry
Staff Sgt. Dung V. Nguyen
2nd Lt. Richard L. Burrow

Maj. Audrey R. Cox

610 SVF

Senior Airman Courtney A. Decosta

457 FS

Capt. David Densmore
Capt. Peter J. Hefty

301 MOF

Senior Airman Nikeasa S. Gentry
Senior Airman Darryl L. Moore
Tech. Sgt. Kanika C. Roby

301 CES

Airman Timothy J. Vernon
Staff Sgt. Jose L. Gomez
Tech. Sgt. James A. Woodard

301 AMXS

Airman 1st Class Roberto Robles

Staff Sgt. Jay D. Venable
Staff Sgt. Cody L. Villines
Tech. Sgt. Jackson P. Hembree
Tech. Sgt. Tonia McCord

610 RSG

Tech. Sgt. Peter L. Palmer
Master Sgt. Constance J. Johnson
Senior Master Sgt. Christopher McKinley

301 LRS

Airman 1st Class Linda M. Ozuna
Senior Airman Ariel G. Simmons

301 OSF

Tech. Sgt. Timothy R. Stein
10 AF

Maj. Brian E. Storck

Reenlistments

301 MDS

Tech. Sgt. Raymond Crawmer
Senior Airman Alicia Gentry

10 AF

Senior Master Sgt. Torrance Bedford
301 MXS

Tech. Sgt. Richard Boughton,
Master Sgt. Lewis Johns
301 AMXS

Master Sgt. Roger Fortune
Master Sgt. Raymond Knox